

## Jefferson's Republican Simplicity.

A WRITER on "Historic Washington" in the Washington Star recalls the following customs of earlier days at the capital: "With the introduction of the purely republican ideas of Thomas Jefferson, when he rose from the office of Vice-President to that of President, the pomp of the 'court' came to an end. He abolished at once the weekly levees. Fashionable society failed, but the great Republican was inflexible—the levees were not restored. As to dinners, he preserved the old Virginia style of free and easy hospitality. He kept at the Presidential mansion about eleven colored servants and a French cook, a French steward, and an Irish coachman. His bill in the Georgetown market averaged \$5 a day for the use of his table. The President's 'mansion' was converted into a general rendezvous and free club. No etiquette was required or observed at these dinners beyond the forms of ordinary good breeding. The whole code of procedure was abrogated. The second rule of Republican etiquette was this: 'When brought together in society all are perfectly equal, whether foreign or domestic, titled or untitled, in or out of office.' He further ordered 'that to maintain the principle of equality, or pe le mele, and to prevent the growth of precedence out of courtesy, the members of the executive will practice at their own houses, and recommend an adherence to, the usages of the country, of gentlemen in mass giving precedence to ladies in mass in passing from one apartment to another.' "The ladies of Washington regarded the abolition of the levees by Jefferson as an invasion of their vested rights and put their pretty heads together to consult what they were going to do about it. The result of their deliberations was coercive, and they determined to apply it upon Mr. Jefferson. So on the usual day for holding the levees they took possession of the White House in force. The President was taking his usual horseback ride. On his return he was told the circumstances. He entered the room where the fair invaders were assembled, booted, spurred and dusty, and received them in the most courteous and graceful manner, but the levees were ended, nevertheless.

"Mr. Merry, the English Minister of this time, was a fanatic on the subject of etiquette. He was thoroughly outraged and indignant at the manner of his reception by President Jackson. He wrote as follows to Josiah Quincy: 'I, in my official costume, found myself, at the hour he had himself appointed, introduced to a man as President of the United States not merely in an undress, but actually standing in slippers down at the heels, and both pantaloons, cravat and under-clothes indicative of an utter slovenliness and indifference to appearances.'"

—Ladies can wax wondrously grandiloquent when in the mind. A Kentuckian victim of man's inconstancy thus sets forth her plaint in a petition for divorce: "Dark clouds of discord began to lower over the sky of wedded felicity, and the minacious lightning of disunion began to dart its lurid flames across gloomy clouds of atramentous blackness, obscuring every star of hope and happiness whose resplendent glory illuminated the dawn of the first few brief years of her wedded life, when she gave her hand and an undivided heart to the defendant, who, in the sultry month of July, 1879, after having been warmly and snugly wintered within the fond embraces of her loving arms, and closely nestled to a heart that beat alone for the defendant, showed his base, black ingratitude by abandoning her without cause whatever, except the insatiable thirst for novelty which is the predominant character of defendant's nature."

[Des Moines Iowa State Register.]  
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